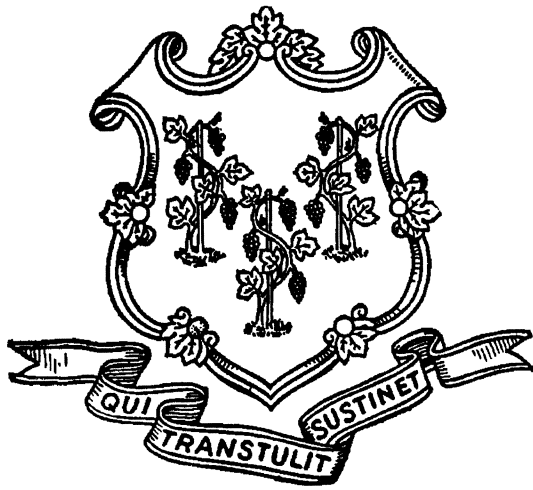


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Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. JODI RELL, Governor: a

# PROCLAMATION

*N*ovember is the time of the year when autumn fades into the grey days of the coming winter – and when America celebrates the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving. Just as the early settlers of New England gave thanks for a most bountiful harvest and shared fellowship with their Native American neighbors as winter approached, today we give thanks for the blessings of family, friends and good tidings throughout the communities of Connecticut.

*T*hanksgiving is an occasion to appreciate what life has provided to us, and to strive to become the best we can be in the year ahead. And, perhaps most of all, Thanksgiving is a time to be aware of how we can all make a difference in the lives of others. Each of us has the special power to share our blessings and goodness, and to make life a little better for people in our community.

*I*n the tradition of our colonial ancestors, we should open our homes and families to those who have not been as fortunate to experience such blessings. It is at this time that we ought to come together in order to share and enjoy a plentiful harvest.

*T*herefore, in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut and in keeping with the traditions set forth by Governors of Connecticut since colonial times, I, M. Jodi Rell, hereby proclaim November 23, 2006, to be a day of

## Public Thanksgiving

*I* urge all our citizens to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to those who touch our lives everyday and in extending a healing hand of hope to those who need it most.

*Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this fifteenth day of November, two thousand and six and of the independence of the United States the two hundred thirtieth.*



*M. Jodi Rell*  
by Her Excellency's Command

*James Byrnes*  
Secretary of the State